

**Thane Public Liaison Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

Ministry of the Environment  
Newmarket Satellite Office  
1091 Gorham Street, Suite 102  
Newmarket, ON

**Thursday, December 2, 2010**

Members Present: Phil Davies (PD), Deb Gordon (DG), Howard Sniatowski (HS) Michele Maitre (MM), John Hicks (JH), Margaret Jordan (MJ), Sue Plamondon (SP), Dave Fumerton (DF), Andrea Brown (AB), Sandra Thomas (ST), Jennifer Mackey (JM)

Regrets: none

**1. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes**

- *October meeting minutes accepted.*

**2. Previous Meeting Action Items**

- AB talked to XCG and the ministry's Guelph District Office regarding previous soil remediation projects and reported that projects in Guelph used funds from soil remediation to fund the site projects.
  - XCG doesn't have a mobile Certificate of Approval for soil remediation, they only handle the risk assessment and reporting.
  - Consider having XCG attend a future meeting to provide information on how much space is required, the volume of soil that may be remediated, and numbers of revenue that could be estimated to be generated.
  - It was noted that a traffic study may need to be completed if this project was to go forward and that the site would need to apply for a Certificate of Approval to operate
- AB confirmed that the cost of the flexible solar panels are generally equivalent with conventional cap material for landfills
- MM reported the Region is not considering the site for a Community Environmental Centre location, there is concern about the liability associated with the clean-up costs from the Region's legal advisors. MM informed the group the Region is now reconsidering the reconfiguration project related to the landfill entrance. The project was ready to go to tender but is now on hold.

**ACTION** – MM will arrange a meeting with the Region, Town and MOE to discuss the potential for a CEC at the Thane site.

- JM confirmed that the material may be used for daily landfill cover as it is classified as solid non-hazardous waste, but there could be concerns related to dust and levels of sodium and chloride already present in the material. Other considerations for use would be the transportation and loading costs of the material to landfill sites.

**ACTION** – AB will be meeting with the Region of Durham and will ask if there would be an interest in using the material and cover

Group discussion concluded with the possibility of presenting the material as an option for daily landfill cover at a future Ontario Waste Management Association meeting.

- JM reviewed the information related to phytoremediation of the site, that it may be possible for the soils at the site, but would be required to be completed in phases. Discussion on whether it could partially be completed to reduce the salt levels so that the material would be more presentable as a potential landfill cover.

**ACTION** – JM to follow-up on whether it would be possible that phytoremediation would help to reduce the salt levels in the slag material.

- JM was unable to find much information from the Ministry of Transportation on the potential of recovering salt from the material for winter road applications. HS reported that this had been tried once before and was not successful.

### **3. Review of Workshop Information**

- Discussion on possible funding options for the site (e.g. Tim Horton's has put in operations and funded remediation for gas stations in some locations).

**ACTION** – JM to invite Kathy Little from the Region of York to the next meeting to discuss potential funding opportunities.

### **4. Other Business**

- HS reported he received a call from a real estate representative (Wayne Winch) regarding acquiring land for a potential solar farm site. Question regarding whether the zoning for the area would allow this type of operation. SP reported that the Town may be open to a potential solar operation, but thought that more land would need to be acquired and a feasibility study would need to be completed.

**ACTION** – SP to follow-up with Wayne Winch for more information on a potential solar project.

- HS discussed a recent news article on the site and wanted to ensure that a single voice should speak on behalf of the PLC. Group agreed that it may be time to make a public statement on the progress of the PLC since the last report back to the public was in January 2009. May also want to consider presenting to the Town council again as there are several newly elected representatives.

**ACTION** – MM will out together a matrix of options for the site and will try to include a sketch that would show the future vision the PLC has for the site.

**ACTION** – ministry staff will take the lead on trying to put something together to update the public (would want to include the matrix piece MM is working on).

### **Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting**

January 13, 2011  
9:30am

Meetings will be held at:  
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